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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005. Claims 1, 3-12 and 21-24 are pending in this application. Claims 4 and 7 were withdrawn from consideration. The Office Action rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 11 and 21-24 over Hojeibane (US 5911732); objected to claim 1 for informalities; and indicated allowable subject matter in claims 3, 9, 10 and 12.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 9 and 12 are amended and claim 3 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute all cancelled subject matter in a subsequent patent application claiming priority to the immediate application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a "tube form body" as opposed to the previously claimed "body portion." Applicants believe the informality is resolved by the amendment, and request withdrawal of the objection.

Allowable Subject Matter and Claim Rejections

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 9, 10 and 12. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 3, and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 9, which formerly depended from cancelled claim 3, has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 5, 6, 8-11 and 21-24 depend from claim 1 and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawn claims 4 and 7 have been amended to depend from claim 12 and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

All of the claims rejected over Hojeibane now include limitations which the Examiner indicated as allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 102.

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Conclusion

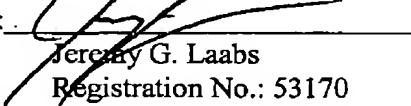
Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4-12 and 21-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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